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<b>REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE) TRANSMITTAL</b>  Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000 provides for continued examination of a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.  See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)	Application Number: 09/444,711
	Filing Date: November 24, 1999
	First Named Inventor: T. YEATMAN et al.
	Group Art Unit: 1642
	Examiner: A. M. Harris
	Attorney Docket Number: 215101.00400
<b>Attorney Customer Number: 27160</b>	
<p>This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.</p> <p><b>Note:</b> 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d) instead of a RCE to be eligible for patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See "Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice," Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000). <u>Off. Gaz. Pat. Office</u> 47 (April 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.</p>	
<p>1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114:</p> <p>a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Previously submitted</p> <p>i. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consider the amendment/reply after final under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on <u>March 28, 2002</u>.</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief of Reply Brief previously filed on _____.</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p> <p>i. <input type="checkbox"/> Enclosed:</p> <p>ii. <input type="checkbox"/> Amendment/Reply</p> <p>iii. <input type="checkbox"/> Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)</p> <p>iv. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement</p> <p>v. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____</p>	
<p>2. Miscellaneous</p> <p>a. <input type="checkbox"/> Suspension of action on the above-mentioned application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of three months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required.)</p> <p>b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other</p>	

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## 3. Fees

- a. ☒ The filing fee is calculated as follows:
- i. ☒ \$370.00 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
  - ii. ☐ Petition for extension of time for (\_\_\_\_\_) Months) \$\_\_\_\_\_
  - iii. ☐ Other
- b. ☒ Check in the amount of \$370.00 enclosed.
- c. ☒ The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiencies in the filing fees, or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-1710.

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